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CLAIMS: *The following is a listing of all claims in the application with their status and the text of all active claims.*

1.—45. (CANCELLED)

46. (NEW) A shopping cart, comprising:

- A. a plurality of open-top merchandise containers, and
- B. a plurality of quick-attach and quick-detach locks, each lock sufficiently small and suitably positioned to avoid substantial intrusion into a container's internal space and into space above container necessary for full and free access to container's contents, and
- C. a plurality of ledges affixed to the cart, each ledge positioned upon the cart to sandwich a container between a ledge and a lock, each ledge of a width and length substantially less than that of the bottom of the container, the ledge serving to partially support the container both during levering while loading and also after lock release during removal of container from cart,

whereby shoppers can select and move merchandise, check it out, load into their cars and deliver into home kitchens by levering loaded containers from one destination to another with minimum work and maximum convenience and maneuverability.

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47. (NEW) The cart of claim 46 wherein the cart is selected from the group consisting of a folding dual-spine cart and a telescoping-spine wide-frame cart and a segmented-spine cart and a solid-spine cart and a single-wheel cart and a near-vertically-oriented cart and a bicycle-wheel cart and a luggage cart and a three-wheel cart and a lazy susan cart and a four-wheel pyramid cart and a deep-baskets cart and an elevator cart and a fixed-length-spine cart and a hand truck.

48. (NEW) The cart of claim 46 wherein said quick-attach and quick-detach locks are selected from the group consisting of sliding locks and pivot pins and belts and slots.

49. (NEW) The shopping cart of claim 46 wherein the cart is selected from the group consisting of carts using frame materials of light-metal alloy tubing and polyethylene and polypropylene and vinyl and nylon and various impregnated and laminated fibrous materials.

50. (NEW) The cart of claim 46 wherein said merchandise containers are selected from the group consisting of perforated plastic baskets, solid plastic

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tubs, wire baskets, hinged-end baskets, circular trays, and baskets with a deep walled slot set into a wall.

51. (NEW) A cart for accumulating, transporting and processing burdens, comprising

A. a plurality of means for quick-connect and quick-release retention of burdens upon the cart, said means being sufficiently compact and suitably located to avoid substantial intrusion into a burden's interior space and to avoid substantial interference with access to the burden, and

B. a plurality of means of partial support beneath each burden, to assist in levering the burden aboard the cart, to cooperate with a retention means to secure that burden to the cart, and to continue partial support after release of the retention means during removal of burden from cart, said means of partial support having substantially less width and length than that of the bottom of the burden supported,

whereby the user may load and unload the cart without ever lifting the entire weight of a burden, by using the partial-support ledges as guides and fulcrums for levering burdens upward and downward, to and from their positions on the cart.

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52. (NEW) The cart of claim 51 wherein the cart is selected from the group consisting of a folding dual-spine cart and a telescoping-spine wide-frame cart and a segmented-spine cart and a solid-spine cart and a single-wheel cart and a near-vertically-oriented cart and a bicycle-wheel cart and a luggage cart and a three-wheel cart and a lazy susan cart and a four-wheel pyramid cart and a deep-baskets cart and an elevator cart and a fixed-length-spine cart and a hand truck.

53. (NEW) The cart of claim 51 wherein said means of quick-connect and quick-release retention are selected from the group consisting of sliding locks and pivot pins and belts and slots.

54. (NEW) The cart of Claim 51 wherein the cart is selected from the group using frame materials of light-metal alloy tubing and polyethylene and polypropylene and vinyl and nylon and various impregnated and laminated fibrous materials.

55. (NEW) The cart of claim 51 wherein said burdens are selected from the group consisting of perforated plastic baskets, solid plastic tubs, wire baskets, hinged-end

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baskets, circular trays, and baskets with a deep walled slot set into a wall.